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# Citrus College Hosts Groundbreaking for 12.3-mile Foothill Gold Line Light Rail Extension, Glendora to Montclair Segment

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**Glendora, Calif.** — Citrus College had the distinct honor of providing the location for today's groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of construction on the next phase of the Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Glendora to Montclair.

"Today's ceremony marks a milestone for both transportation and higher education for our region," said Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Because of the Gold Line's proximity to more than 15 institutions of higher education, the completion of the Foothill Extension to Montclair will open doors to educational opportunity for thousands of students for generations to come."

Along with an estimated crowd of 600, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority joined with local, state, and federal officials in the San Gabriel Valley to celebrate the groundbreaking.

Citrus College was selected as the site for the event due to its location, which is less than a block from the APU/Citrus College Station, and because of its dynamic advocacy efforts on behalf of the Gold Line spanning more than a decade.

"In breaking ground on the next phase of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, we are opening a new chapter in transportation that will connect the Inland Empire to the San Gabriel Valley and all of Southern California," said Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees President Barbara R. Dickerson.

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The extension will be the first rail line to begin construction from a multitude of new transit projects funded by Metro's Measure M half-cent transportation sales tax approved by L.A. County voters in November 2016.

**About Citrus College**

Serving the San Gabriel Valley for over 100 years, Citrus College educates approximately 20,000 students annually. The college offers 90 associate degrees and certificates of achievements, prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, provides basic skills courses, and workforce training. Located in Glendora, California, Citrus College is the oldest community college in Los Angeles County. Its 104-acre campus includes eight outdoor athletic facilities. Citrus College has received numerous accolades including ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for awarding associate degrees in multidisciplinary studies for Hispanic students; 5<sup>th</sup> among California's 114 community colleges for associate degree production; and designated a Military Friendly School. For more information, visit [www.citruscollege.edu](http://www.citruscollege.edu).